

Kingdom, the United States, the United Nations, and the European Union. Moreover, Turkey's membership to the European Union, which the United States enthusiastically supports, is unfortunately being impacted because of the impasse over Cyprus.

In 2003, it looked like we were on the cusp of a resolution when Cypriots voted on the United Nations backed Annan Plan which would have created the United Cyprus Republic, as a loose confederation of two component states—the Greek Cypriot State and the Turkish Cypriot State.

That plan provided a strong framework for a bi-zonal, bi-communal unified Cyprus; and the U.S. House of Representatives strongly endorsed the plan by unanimously approving a Sense of the House to that effect. Regrettably, the Annan Plan did not succeed when put to a referendum.

Ultimately, the Cypriots themselves are the ones who must make the tough decisions that will ensure a peaceful future for their island. Nevertheless, I urge the administration to work with all stakeholders to ensure that a future unified Cyprus is a Cyprus that respects human rights and the fundamental freedoms for all Cypriots. Any unnatural or unnecessary artificial limitations imposed on either community are a recipe for future disaster.

Mr. Speaker, I truly believe that a lasting, fair and comprehensive solution to the conflict on Cyprus is possible. If we avoid inflammatory rhetoric and political statements and instead work in unison to bolster the efforts of the Greek Cypriots and the Turkish Cypriots to work together in good faith for the future of all Cypriots; the future will be bright for Cyprus.

RECOGNIZING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, HURON OHIO

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the sesquicentennial anniversary of Christ Episcopal Church, located in Huron, Ohio. The congregation comes together with the community in celebration of this milestone event on August 3, 2012.

Organized in 1837, the church cornerstone was laid on May 23, 1938. The church building is in a beautiful setting overlooking Lake Erie and parkland. A steeple was completed in 1876, followed by the placement of a bell in 1881. That bell has called worshippers over the centuries through the present day. As its congregation grew and changed with the modern day, the church added classrooms, a kitchen, fellowship hall, choir room, offices, meeting rooms, library, a chapel and columbarium. In 1975 a new steeple was erected along with a modern impressionist stained glass window of the Living Christ behind the altar. Though modernized, the church has retained its original feel. As one of Ohio's oldest churches, Christ Church is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Of note, in its 175 years the parish has been served by only nineteen rectors with long pastorates marking their service. Each brought a leadership distinct and dynamic. A truly

faith-filled parish, the members of Christ Church have never locked its doors. Since its earliest days, the church is always open for prayer and meditation. The church and its members hold true to Christ's message explained in Matthew 18:20, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Faith and fellowship have guided the congregation nearly since our region's founding. We proudly commemorate this 175th anniversary while looking forward to Christ Church's future.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PAIN-CAPABLE UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 3803, which unfairly targets the District of Columbia for a prohibition on abortions after 20 weeks, with no exception to protect a woman's health. This bill is simply another in a long line of attempts by House GOP to undermine a woman's fundamental right to choose.

H.R. 3803 directly contradicts *Roe v. Wade* by prohibiting pre-viability abortions and making no exception to protect a woman's health. The narrow exception in this bill that allows for an abortion when it's necessary to save a woman's life is completely inadequate. H.R. 3803 does not include an exception for abortions that would prevent severe harm to a woman's health, or for survivors of incest or rape.

Finally, the nature of this legislation derides the democratic process by empowering politicians to make health decisions for citizens that they do not represent. The singling out of District citizens—who have never had the opportunity to elect a voting Member of this body—is a cynical move that ignores their wishes and undermines the locally elected City Council and Mayor. I urge my colleagues to oppose this misguided legislation.

CONGRATULATING ABBY JOHNSTON

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Upper Arlington resident, Abby Johnston, on winning an Olympic silver medal in the women's 3-meter springboard synchronized diving competition at the 2012 London Olympic Games. On July 29, 2012, Miss Johnston and her diving partner, Kelci Bryant, took home America's first-ever Olympic medals for this event.

In Columbus and Central Ohio, we take our sports very seriously. Abby Johnston was cheered on by her fans both here at home and abroad. In London, her parents, Elaine and David Johnston, as well as former coaches and teammates from Upper Arlington High School and the local U.S. Elite Diving Acad-

emy rooted for her poolside. Back in Ohio, Abby's accomplishment is a true point of pride for our city and it brings us together to celebrate as a community.

An athlete works hard, dedicates many hours to practice, and puts forth a great deal of effort, but an Olympian takes all of that to a much higher level. I ask that all Members of Congress join me in offering my congratulations to our very own hometown Olympian, Abby Johnston, on winning her silver medal at the 2012 London Olympic Games.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHAD FOSTER

HON. FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Mr. CANSECO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Chad Foster. Chad passed away this past Saturday after a battle with cancer at the age of 63. He is survived by his wife Jill and their son Chad Jr. and daughter Savannah.

Chad was a true public servant, who will be remembered as a committed leader and strong supporter of the Eagle Pass community. After serving three terms as Eagle Pass mayor, Chad went on to serve the community by leading numerous local and state organizations, including as the chairman of the Texas Border Coalition.

Chad was passionate about the advancement of our border communities. He focused his life on encouraging education, border security, health care, and other development programs that supported the people of South Texas. Chad will be sorely missed in our community, but his passion and legacy will certainly live on.

HONORING WESTERN NEW YORK OLYMPIANS

HON. KATHLEEN C. HOCHUL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, August 2, 2012

Ms. HOCHUL. Mr. Speaker, on July 27, 2012, Olympic athletes from all over the world paraded into the stadium in London to officially launch the 2012 Olympics.

I am so proud to say that eight American Olympians hail from Western New York: volleyball player Matt Anderson, born in Buffalo; archer Jake Kaminski, from Elma; swimmer Ryan Lochte, born in Rochester; rower Meghan Musnicki, from Naples; rower Henrik Rummel, formerly of Pittsford; current number one ranked pole vaulter Jenn Suhr, from Churchville; 10-meter air pistol shooter Jason Turner, formerly of Rush; and two time U.S. Soccer Female Athlete of the Year Abby Wambach, from Rochester. Throughout their lifetimes of training, hard work, and sacrifices, these athletes embody what it means to be an American.

They carry with them to London the pride of Western New York and the entire nation.

As we wish them and the entire team good luck, my hope is that a sense of common purpose joins all of us as Americans during the Olympics.